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SUBJECT: NORWEGIAN PROPOSAL FOR AD HOC TANKER GROUP

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1. USG DOES NOT BELIEVE PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH AD HOC GROUP TO STUDY OIL CARRIER PROBLEM IS ADVISABLE.

USG DOES NOT OPPOSE OECD DISCUSSION OF TANKER PROBLEM

BUT BELIEVES SUCH DISCUSSIONS CAN BEST BE HANDLED IN

MARITIME TRANSPORT COMMITTEE. WE RECOGNIZE THAT TANKER PROBLEM HAS IMPLICATIONS FOR OTHER BRANCHES OF INDUSTRY, SUCH AS SHIPBUILDING, ENERGY AND BANKING. HOWEVER,

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OTHER QUESTIONS WHICH HAVE COME BEFORE MTC HAVE HAD

SIMILARLY BROAD IMPLICATIONS, AND MTC, CALLING ON OTHER
OECD ELEMENTS AS NEEDED, HAS DEMONSTRATED CAPACITY
TO ADDRESS SUCH ISSUES.

2. FYI. USG SHARES BRITISH APPREHENSION THAT ESTABLISH-
MENT OF AD HOC GROUP COULD LEAD TO PROPOSALS FOR
CARTELIZATION OF OCEAN SHIPPING AND BELIEVES THAT, FOR
THE MOST PART, SOLUTION OF TANKER PROBLEM SHOULD BE LEFT
TO NORMAL COMMERCIAL FORCES. END FYI. DEPARTMENT SUGGESTS
THAT MISSION SUPPORT UK, FRENCH AND BELGIAN EFFORTS TO
CHANNEL REVIEW TO MTC, ALTHOUGH WE CAN AGREE TO FORMATION
OF AD HOC GROUP IF CONSENSUS TO THIS END DEVELOPS. KISSINGER

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